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## Auctions.

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THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

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A Collection of Miscellaneous Works, Including a Complete Set of the Original Editions of Dickens's Christmas Works, 4 Vols., 1843, very rare.

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An Early English Prayer Book, in Tortoise-Shell and Silver Binding, &c., &c., &c.

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An Invoice of Saratoga Trunks, Lady's and Gentlemen's Traveling Bags, Satchels, &c., &c.

An Invoice of Plated-ware, consisting of: Ice Pichers, Various Patterns, Cutlery, Butter, Pickle Stands, and Oak Dining-room Chairs, Cane Back Office Chairs.

Ac., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 21, 1877. fe27

## Auctions.

SALE OF HORSES & CARRIAGES, &c., AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at the Stables, Government House, on

TUESDAY,

the 27th February, 1877, at 4 o'clock p.m.—

The following HORSES and CARRIAGES, &c., the Property of His Excellency Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, &c., &c.

A Bay Australian Horse, Karamanang, Carries a Lady, and quiet in Harness.

A Black Australian Horse, The Snark, 5 years old, Carries a Lady.

A London-built Victoria, with Pole, Shafts and Single Harness.

A Light American Waggon with Pole, and Fitted for Shafts.

A quiet Pony, with Trap and Harness.

The above may be viewed at Government House Stables, till the time of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. fe27

### POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Dr. GEO. DODS, to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 2nd day of March, 1877, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his Residence, 2, College Gardens,—

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A JARDINIERE, by Motsia of London.

LOBBY FURNITURE, in Black-wood.

And,

One Parlour BILLIARD TABLE, with Balls, Cues, &c., complete.

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J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 18, 1877. mc2

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### CELEBRATED BRANDY.

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"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

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As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [apb]

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THE Undersigned BANKS will Close

for Public Business at 12 o'clock Noon, TO-MORROW, the 24th Instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," O. MORLAND KERR, Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China," H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China," HENRY THORNBURN, Acting Manager.

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For the "Marine Insurance Co., Ltd,"

ESTABLISHED 1853.

JOHN McNULTY, Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 22, 1877. fe24

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THE Proprietor of the BRITISH HOTEL

has erected a BOOTH at the Race Course for the accommodation of his friends. The BOOTH is the one nearest to the Monument, and TIPPIN and REFRESHMENTS can there be had.

JOHN McNULTY,

Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 22, 1877. fe24

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ENDERS for the Construction of

SEVEN BOATS for the Spanish

Men-of-war will be RECEIVED at THIS

OFFICE until Noon of the 4th day of March next.

Conditions, Plans, &c., are exposed at

the same for the information of persons

wishing to make proposals.

A FARAUZO,

Consul for Spain.

Hongkong, February 22, 1877. mod

### NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM

TRANSIT INSURANCE CO.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has

been Transferred to THE

MARINE INSURANCE CO., of 20, OLD

BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HUNT,

Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street,

LONDON,

1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE CO.

20, Old Broad Street,

LONDON,

1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1856.

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## INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES,  
JAS. B. COUGHLIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matches, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

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THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

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NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1877.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

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Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1609.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

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GILMAN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1877.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of

His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurance as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 26, 1877.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

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STEAM FOR  
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,  
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean  
Ports, Southampton and London;  
Also,

Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship ZAMBESI, Captain SYMONS, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. McIVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, February 19, 1877.

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Occidental & Oriental Steam-ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL  
and

UNION PACIFICO AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC," will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai, with Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 2nd March. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1877.

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U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer ALASKA, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 15th March, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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A Steamer of the Mita Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th March. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 10, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1877.

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INTIMATIONS.

W. BALL,  
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,  
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, TOILET  
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES  
AND PARFUMS.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness  
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.  
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

AFONG,  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
by appointment to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;

and to  
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS  
OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly Athletic Club,

Has on hand the Largest and Best  
Collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of  
assorted sizes, Photographs enlarged from  
C. D. V. size to life size and coloured in  
oil. A new apparatus for Photography has  
been received from England; he is prepared  
to take Photos of Buildings and interiors  
at the shortest distance.

Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date the Offices of this  
Agency are REMOVED to the Pro-  
perty in the PHA CENTRAL lately occupied  
by MESSRS GIMEL & CO., next to MESSRS  
KREISER & CO.'s Building.

H. B. POUEY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

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INTIMATIONS.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE  
DE 1878.

THE CONSUL FOR FRANCE has the  
honour to inform those Persons who  
wish to take part in the intended Exhibition,  
that they will find at the CONSULATE  
all Information and Particulars they may  
require.

For the Consul,

G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.  
Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

AH YON,  
SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND  
STEVEDORE.

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF  
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH

PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S  
STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,  
PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang  
are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to  
be erected on the ground on the east side of  
the Esplanade situated between the latter and  
Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed  
\$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of

\$400 for the best and most suitable Design  
with Specifications; and competitors have  
the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying  
out the work.

The Design, accompanied with all docu-  
ments, are to be sent to the Municipal Office  
Penang or before the 1st of March next.

For further information apply to the  
Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners  
at Penang.

D. C. PRESGRAVE,  
Municipal Secretary.

Penang,  
Municipal Office,  
The 21st September, 1876.

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE:

MOET & CHANDON,  
GRAND CREMANT.

Quarts \$18, Pints \$12.

GRAND VIN DE BOURGOIN.

CHAMBERTIN, \$15 per Doz.

ROMANEE CONTI, \$17 " "

RICHEBOURG, \$17 " "

Apply to

ED. CHASTEL,  
Queen's Road, Opposite Hongkong Club.

Hongkong, February 19, 1877.

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DEPARTURES.

ARIVALIS.

Feb. 23, Steamer, British steamer, 1300,  
White, Shanghai Feb. 19, General.

WHITEFIELD & SWIN.

Feb. 23, Leonor, British steamer, 400,  
M. Young, Foochow Feb. 20, Amoy 21,  
and Swatow 22, General.—DOUGLAS LA-  
PAIK & CO.

Feb. 23, H. M. S. Vigilant, from a  
Cruise.

Feb. 23, Glamorganshire, British barque,  
456, McEachern, London Oct. 8, Coal.—  
Order.

Feb. 23, Marques de la Victoria, Spanish  
transport, 1200, Barraco, Manila Feb. 19.

Feb. 23, Patino, Spanish transport, 1200,  
Rapallo, Manila Feb. 18.

Feb. 23, Butuan, Spanish steamer, 257,  
Mariano Tremoy, Manila Feb. 17.

our own country. [There is one marked difference, viz., that English mobs always attack their own people, while Chinese mobs confine their attentions chiefly to foreigners.—ED.]

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## AN EXPOSTULATION.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1877.

SIR.—As an interested spectator of events of every kind affecting our relations with China, the movements of the large and respectable body of Protestant Missionaries occasionally attract my attention. It is with much regret I see from time to time letters like that which appeared in your last night's issue emanating from individual members of that body and calculated to inspire the reader with feelings of pity at such melancholy exhibitions of mental weakness and intellectual incapacity.

It is really lamentable to see one who confesses his youthful inexperience sitting in judgment upon the solemn and deliberately expressed opinions of veterans, and inferring that they are either knaves or fools. Happily his remarks betray their own absurdity. What have Germans to do with Exeter Hall? Has "M." himself ever been there, and did he then feel himself one of a "mob"? It is quite a new thing to be told by a Missionary (for such I take "M." to be from his letter) that his supporters at Exeter Hall and a "Hunting Crowd" are a par. It is very evident that he has quite failed to make himself master of the subject before rushing into print. The words of the Protest, as he quotes them, give a conclusion arrived at without setting forth the reasons. "M." takes it for granted that these are doctrinal, and thus sets up a man of straw and proceeds to demolish it. Unfortunately for himself he has missed the point altogether. Let him wait until he has gained, by travel and mixing with the people, practical experience of the real feelings of the Chinese towards the Tin Chu Kau, and then perhaps he may be thankful that a definite line of demarcation exists between that form of Christianity and the Protestantism which he seems so anxious to disavow. Anyway let us hope that Missionaries will learn to avoid, for the sake of the respect which they expect from the laity, long rambling diatribes and abuse of their brethren, with pitiful attempts at arguments which can but provoke a smile. No wonder they make such slow progress if their answers to heathen objections to Christianity are made up of such platitudes and inconsequent remarks as those of your correspondent, to say nothing of others which have recently been forced on the notice of the public. But I suppose, as the old proverb has it, "A will' man maun has his way," spite of all the endeavours of sober-minded men to prevent exhibitions which bring contempt upon their profession and tend to disgust any who, like myself, is

## AN ONLOOKER.

## Swatow.

Charlott.—Effected are: German barques Norma, 8,000 piculs, Choofoo and back, 22 cents per picul.

Arrivals.—Feb. 8, Yesso from Coast Ports, Douglas from Hongkong; 9, Norma from Hongkong; Cheang Hook Kian from Hongkong; Chi Ngan (Chinese gunboat) from Foochow; 12, Leonor from Hongkong; Jane Woodburn from Chefoo; Hilda from Chefoo; Parades from Bangkok; 13, Lily (H.M.S.) from Hongkong; Hailong from Amoy; 17, Douglas from Coast Ports; Chefoo from Shanghai; Talisman (French gunboat) from Hongkong; 18, Hailong from Hongkong; 19, Hans from Bangkok; Godefroy from Hongkong.

Departures.—Feb. 8, Douglas for Coast Ports, Yesso for Hongkong; 9, Naworth Castle for Channel f.o.; M. A. Dixon for Channel f.o.; Norma for Chefoo; Venezuela for Channel f.o.; 10, Swatow for Takao; Cheang Hook Kian for Amoy; Norma for Hongkong; 11, Yew Po for Takao; 12, Leonor for Coast Ports; 13, Hailong for Hongkong; 16, Lily (H.M.S.) for Amoy; 17, Talisman (French gunboat) for Amoy; Douglas for Hongkong; 18, Chefoo for Shanghai; 19, Hailong for Coast Ports; 20, Chi Ngan (Chinese gunboat) for Takao, and Fei Ho (Rev. Cruiser) for Hongkong.

Vessels in Port.—British: Hilda, Jane Woodburn; German: Oceanus, Albatross, Hans, Godefroy and Parades. Mon-of-war: H. I. C. M. S. Chen-to.

## China.

## Foochow.

(Herald, Feb. 16.)

H. M.'s Hornet returned from Wenchow on the 14th instant, and is under orders for Hongkong, where she is to be paid off.

The Custom Cruiser Ling Feng left for Wenchow, via Tamsui; on the 14th instant. She will convey from the latter place, Mr. Commissioner Hobson, who has been appointed to the new port.

Snow fell on the night of the 13th and early morning of the 14th instant, covering the hill-sides with a thin layer. The occurrence of snow at this period is, we are informed, regarded by the Chinese as a good omen. Let us trust that the native belief in the efficacy of this visitation will be verified. What with undeveloped tea, floods, typhoons, and fires, Foochow has assuredly had a hard time of late.

Game is pretty abundant we hear. Some very fair bags have been reported lately, though pheasants are said to be wild and unusually strong on the wing. In the neighborhood of Yuenfub, leopards are giving some trouble to the villagers, and artfully constructed traps have been laid for their capture. Perhaps the more adventurous members of the newly-formed rifle Club might find it worth their while to penetrate this region.

A correspondent informs us that a further considerable development of the Tea Trade of Tamsui may be looked for this year. The Chinese are building numerous tea-houses and packing sheds between Tamsui and Keeling, and it is stated that the production of leaf will be greatly in excess of last season's yield. Hitherto, nearly all the leaf has been prepared as Oolong, but this year we are given to understand that a large proportion will be converted into Congou.

It is rumoured that Captain Luxmoore, R.N., has resigned his appointment as commander of the Chinese Corvette Yang Wo. Various reasons are assigned for this unexpected step, but we incline to an opinion that the gallant captain, who by

the way is reputed to be one of the best officers in the British Navy, prefers a real command in his own service to shun work in the "Infant" Navy of China. Modern history furnishes no parallel to the Mamoi Arsenal Fleet, with its costly ships and absurdly inefficient commanders. It is not astonishing therefore that a British officer of rank and successful service should relinquish an appointment of apparently such an uncongenial character.

Considerate in all things towards the Chinese, Her Majesty's Government would confer some sort of favor on its own people by informing them officially in regard to the opening of the new ports. It may seem a trifling matter, but nevertheless British merchants might be interested in knowing when and how soon they are to participate in the trading advantages (?) secured to them by the Convention signed in September last—which we were told at the time was to have immediate effect. It would also be interesting to know if the Imperial Decree about the Yunnan atrocity has been properly posted throughout the Empire. As regards this province, the British Government has not, so far, we believe, taken any steps to ensure the due carrying out by the Chinese of this stipulation. The proclamation was posted in the City and suburbs some weeks ago, but we hear that it has not yet appeared at Kien Ning-fu—a notoriously anti-foreign place.

## SHANGHAI.

We are glad to learn that the Treaty Capsules have refused their consent to the Lekin Exemption rules proposed by the Taotai, and think very much as we have argued, that it is sufficient for him to order the discontinuance of the levy.—N. O. D. News.

## Japan.

A rumour, of which two or three versions were current in the Settlement on Saturday, was brought by the M.B. steamer Hiroshima Maru from Nagasaki. One version was to the effect that, on the day after the opening of the Kioto and Kobe railway by the Mikado, his Majesty's escort was attacked by Satsuma men, whose object seemed to be to get possession of the person of the Mikado. In the mêlée that ensued the Prime Minister was killed. Another version was that the person killed was the Prime Minister's secretary. These rumours are said to have been telegraphed from Yokohama to Nagasaki after the Hiroshima Maru had proceeded on her voyage from the former place. It will be remembered that we said in our last summary of Yokohama news, that 60,000 Satsuma men were reported to be under arms; and the present telegraph is further said to state that 80,000 of these had broken out into actual rebellion, determined to attempt the overthrow of the Government, unless the question of their pensions is satisfactorily settled.—N. C. D. News.

## Soofoo.

The following is a translation of a letter published in the *Diario de Manila* from its correspondent at Soofoo; and if we may judge from its exultant tone, the number and character of the victories gained by the Spanish arms must be rather insignificant.—

Soofoo, Jan. 27, 1877.

\* \* \* \* I am going to tell you what took place on the morning of the 25th. Soon after the moon set, a large group of Moors, availing themselves of the darkness, approached our entrenchment, and although we perceived them, we did not fire at them so as to have them more secure; but they soon threw into the entrenchment some apparatus containing explosive material, and one of them exploded, slightly burning a sergeant of the Regiment No. 7. We answered them with some well-aimed discharges, which resulted in the death of one and the wounding of several judging by the immense cries heard in their flight, and by the blood spots left on the field which were observed the next day when the dead body and some arms they left behind were removed. According to what the spics say, they were contemplating an attack on the fort Alfonso XII., while we were setting out to the village with the explosive materials which they had thrown at us, but the presence of mind of our soldiers, as well as of all concerned in the defense, together with our well-aimed firing have put the enemy to precipitate flight.

\* \* \* \* One of the above mentioned explosives is sent in a box to Manila by the steamer Paragua. Notwithstanding the result of this frustrated project, it was reported on the same day that the Moors are united in large groups in Paticolo and Lian, headed by Datus Asbi and Buyo, and intend to renew their attack.

In fact, on the morning of the 26th, a Moor was captured in the environs of the fort Princess, who said that he came from Paticolo and Lian, where a large number of people are congregated and armed; but owing to some conflicting answers he gave to questions put him by us, he was suspected to be a spy, and was therefore placed at the mercy of the Governor. Shortly after this, discharges of fire-arms were heard in the distance, and Commander Andeyro went out with eight soldiers to discover the whereabouts of the enemy; arriving near a wood our small force were fired at by the enemy, to whom some discharges were given in exchange, and running down to them succeeded in forcing them to retreat, although they considerably outnumbered us, there being about two hundred of them. Fully ten fell killed, besides several wounded; while on our part, there is not the least casualty to report. Of the killed, only one that fell to our rear could be found, who was identified by some people, among whom a Moor woman with whom the deceased had been bound matrimonially to the day gone by. On the return of the detachment Senor Andeyro received a reinforcement sent by the Captain who had the command of the fort; thither we returned without further incident. Senor Andeyro, who was on horseback in command of those eight intrepid fellows, at first hesitated in giving orders for attack, but a unanimous exclamation of his men to go forward, made him decide on penetrating the wood. On their return we were somewhat astonished to find them covered with blood and suspected some mishap, but it was ascertained afterwards that the blood was that of the enemy, communicated in the struggle, as the Moors also left a course marked with their own blood on the roads upon which they passed in the fight.

This victory gave much satisfaction to the Governor, who is appreciating his opinion that the gallant captain, who by

the way is reputed to be one of the best officers in the British Navy, prefers a real command in his own service to shun work in the "Infant" Navy of China. Modern history furnishes no parallel to the Mamoi Arsenal Fleet, with its costly ships and absurdly inefficient commanders. It is not astonishing therefore that a British officer of rank and successful service should relinquish an appointment of apparently such an uncongenial character.

"Order of the place, Jan. 26 1877.

Soldiers.—A handful of braves, under the intrepid Commander Don Jos Andeyro, put to day to precipitate flight—about two hundred enemies who have had the courage to approach our encampment with hostile intention. With the greatest satisfaction I make public so valorous an action, and I am very glad to publish the names of the eight soldiers, who, in conjunction with the brave Commander Andeyro, displayed to the end such gallantry, that I know quite well all are anxious to imitate.—PAULIN."

[Here follow the names of the eight soldiers.]

We subjoin the translation of a few paragraphs of a letter, of more recent date, from the correspondent of the same paper:—

Feb. 2, 1877.

It cannot be said that Soofoo consumes much and produces little or nothing. Without enumerating the Mother-of-Pearl which has been the means of considerable profit to many, Pearls, Cacao and Coffee which this island produces, together with Tortoise-shell and Beche-de-mer brought on from Tawi-Tawi, give materials for a very good branch of trade being established.

The day before yesterday Paulina Anzolin arrived here from Ublan with fourteen boats laden with Beche-de-mer, which was sold at market prices, and some of the best quality was sold at \$12 per picul. Other boats have also arrived with the same article, and during the two previous days Beche-de-mer was bought here the amount of \$1,100, one half of which was paid for in money, and the other half in stuff.

The British pilot-boat Montauro arrived in our roads on the 27th January from Palos island, having called at the Isabella de Basilu. Her only cargo consisted of arms. She sailed again on the 20th January for Sandakan, Borneo.

The Calamianes arrived on the 31st January with provisions for the Marines.

Señor Doméne, one of the most ardent friends and well-wishers of this island, who foresees its future development from a commercial point of view, has made a minute study of its diseases, medical topography, and atmospheric conditions, and it took him eight months of daily observation of meteorological and ozoanometrical conditions to collect a large number of important facts to enable him to prepare a medical report of this island. His many friends took leave of him to day, previous to his departure, with much regret at losing the society of so learned and indefatigable a young man.

This place is very animated at present owing to the presence of many vessels, and in addition, large numbers of boats come to sell the different articles of market produce, which is daily gaining in importance.

Prices Current.—Shark's Fin \$24, Beche-de-mer \$12 @ \$20, Tortoise-shell \$600, Hemp-rope \$3.50, Cow's Hide \$11, Buffalo's Hide \$1, Mother-of-Pearl Shell \$32.

## HONGKONG RACES, 1877.

The weather to-day was again all that could be desired. It was just warm enough to be comfortable, and neither sun nor rain interfered with the enjoyment of the proceedings. The attendance at the Grand Stand was even larger than that of yesterday, although there seemed to be a slight falling off in the number of the outside spectators. His Excellency Sir Arthur Kennedy and Miss Kennedy were again amongst the company on the stand. It is creditable to the Starters, the Stewards and the energetic Clerk of the Course, Mr. Magna, that the first race was started almost to the minute. If we mistake not the event had come off, and people were beginning to think of the next race, by a quarter past one. The Band of the 28th Regiment was again in attendance, and favoured the company with one or two exceptionally pleasing performances, including as they did vocal choruses, which are always well rendered by the Band, and we might add well received by the public. There was really little or nothing to describe to-day beyond the races, to which we will therefore proceed at once.

## SECOND DAY.

Friday, 23rd February, 1877.

1.—THE NAVY PLATE, value \$150, presented by Officers of the Fleet, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches. Previous non-starters to carry 12st. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

1. Mr St. Andrew's blks.c.p. Twinkie 2. Do. g. c. p. Daybreak 3. Do. chs.c.p. Sport 4. Do. g. c. p. Daybreak 5. Do. skd.c.p. Bravo 6. Mr Fokien's skd.c.p. Girofie 7. Do. b. c. p. Masaniello 8. Mr Pye's g. c. p. Scamp 9. Do. d. c. p. Outcast 10. Do. blks.c.p. Fei-Yen 11. Mr Henry's w. c. p. Soldanella 12. Mr Paul's blks.c.p. Krentz 13. Do. w. c. p. Cui Bono 14. Do. spd.c.p. Deception 15. Do. br. c. p. Wanderer 16. Mr Skelton's br. c. p. Cook Robin 17. Mr Mouat's b. c. p. Sulky 18. Do. ch. c. p. The Doctor

10st. 5 yards, 10st. 8 lbs; 6 years and aged 10s. 6 lbs. Entrance \$10. Two Miles.

1. Mr Ernest's blks.c.p. Jim Crow 2. The Edinburgh abus.g. Claymore 3. Mr St. Leger's chs.c.p. Hesperus 4. Mr Chesterton's chs.c.p. Newstead 5. Mr Rudolph's b. aus.m. Girofie 6. Mr Charles's b. aus.m. Boomerang 7. Mr Pye's b. aus.m. Cassandra 8. Mr Morgan's chs.c.p. Warlock 9. Dr Gully's chs.c.p. Warlock 10. Mr Fairy's b. aus.m. Tip 11. Mr Grammont's b. aus.m. Dynamite 12. Mr Andre's b. aus.m. Newington 13. Mr N.C. Steven's b. aus.g. The Babe

Four horses came to the post, namely, Claymore, Hesperus, Newstead, and Dynamite.

The last horse refused to start, and did not run at all. Passing the winning post in the first round Newstead was leading; Claymore having the second place and Hesperus the third. This order was maintained to the Rock, Hesperus leading round. On nearing the Village, however, Claymore began to rapidly lessen the distance between himself and the leader, and on entering the Straight had collared him. There was then a splendid race between the two horses, both running neck and neck until nearing the Grand Stand, when Claymore forged ahead of his opponent and secured a lead of half a length; Hesperus being a bad third. The leader maintained his place during the remainder of the race. Passing the Bridge he was leading by several lengths, and at the Village all hope of Newstead being the winner must have vanished, Claymore then leading him by about a hundred yards. The winner came in hard held, the second horse being about twenty lengths behind him, with Hesperus apparently completely winded; about an equal distance behind Newstead. The rider of the winning horse was loudly applauded, and at the finish, after being weighed, was awarded a "tip" for refreshment" on the shoulders of some of his enthusiastic friends.

—Time, 1m. 54s.

Claymore (Mr Dodd) 1

Newstead (Mr Nickells) 2

Hesperus (Mr D'Arroux) 3

1.—THE MERCHANTS' CUP, value \$150, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches. Entrance \$10. Two miles.

1. Mr Grammont's g. c. p. Steamboat

2. Mr St. Andrew's blks.c.p. The Raven

3. Do. g. c. p. Morning Star

4. Do. g. c. p. Daybreak

5. Do. chs.c.p. Sport

6. Mr Fokien's skd.c.p. Bravo

7. Do. g. c. p. Scamp

8. Mr Pye's g. c. p. Outcast

9. Do. blks.c.p. Fei-Yen

10. Do. w. c. p. Soldanella

11. Mr Henry's blks.c.p. Krentz

12. Mr Paul's blks.c.p. Deception

13. Do. br. c. p. Wanderer

14. Mr Skelton's br. c. p. Cook Robin

15. Do. b. c. p. Sulky

16. Do. ch. c. p. The Doctor

17. Do. ch. c. p. Cassandra

18. Do. blks.c.p. Driver

19. Do. ch. c. p. Boomerang

20. Do. ch. c. p. Cassandra

21. Do. ch. c

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloong shore *b*, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor. age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agent.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers</b>								
Anadyr	5 c	Moreau	Foh.	str.	2440 Feb.	22 Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	To-morrow
Bombay	..	Smith	Brit.	str.	849 Jan.	4 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Kloong Dock
China	..	Hennings	Ger.	str.	648 Feb.	11 Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	Kloong Dock
Douglas	..	Burnie	Brit.	str.	864 Feb.	18 Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	Ab'deen Dock
Esmeralda	..	Thebaud	Brit.	str.	905 Feb.	16 A. McG. Houston	Manila	Kloong Dock
Flintshire	4 h	Thomas	Brit.	str.	1243 Feb.	17 H. Kline	London, &c.	Ab'deen Dock
Glenroy	4 h	Taylor	Brit.	str.	1870 Feb.	12 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Cooktown	26th, 2 p.m.
Killarney	4 c	O'Neill	Brit.	str.	1060 Feb.	12 Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Coast Ports, &c.	
Leonor	5 h	Young	Brit.	str.	408 Feb.	23 Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Yokohama & San Francisco	Malls
Oceanic	3 h	Parson	Brit.	str.	2349 Feb.	19 G. B. Emory	Salon	
Penedo	4 c	Cain	Brit.	str.	652 Feb.	7 Melchers & Co.	London, &c.	
Sanda	4 h	.....	Brit.	str.	37 Dec.	17 Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Salon	To-day
Stentor	5 c	White	Brit.	str.	1300 Feb.	23 Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama	Repairing
Swatow	5 c	Hutchinson	Brit.	str.	590 Feb.	20 Messageries Maritimes	Manila	Canton Deck
Tibre	5 h	Girard	Foh.	str.	1019 Feb.	9 Kwok Acheong		
Yottung	2 h	.....	Brit.	str.	324 June	21 Remedios & Co.		
Zamboanga	.....	Lopez	Span.	str.	661 Feb.			
<b>Sailing Vessels</b>								
A. F. Stalcknecht	8 c	Schultz	Ger.	bqe.	539 Feb.	8 Siemssen & Co.	Portland	
Adela	8 c	Beattie	Brit.	bqe.	358 Feb.	14 Edward Schellhass & Co.	Portland	
Adrian Basse	4 c	Noyes	Amer.	bqe.	842 Jan.	29 Rosario & Co.	Portland	
Belle of Oregon	3 c	Merriman	Amer.	bqe.	1108 Feb.	9 Rosario & Co.	Portland	
Bertha	4 c	Ringlo	Ger.	bqe.	442 Jan.	26 Wieler & Co.	Portland	
Bonito	4 c	Weisenberg	Ger.	bqe.	524 Jan.	28 Siemssen & Co.	Portland	
Bun Cao	2 h	Lange	Siam.	bqe.	338 Jan.	26 Chinese	Portland	
Canton	3 c	Crantz	Ger.	bqe.	373 Feb.	21 Siemssen & Co.	Portland	
Casp Horn	4 c	Matzen	Ger.	bqe.	401 Jan.	28 Wm. Pustau & Co.	Portland	
Carpo	8 c	Murphy	Brit.	bqe.	1033 Feb.	2 Order	Portland	
Cheng Soon	2 h	Cheng Sang	Siam.	soh.	200 April	30 Chinese	Portland	
Cooran	5 h	Vincent	Amer.	soh.	230 Jan.	Insurance Company	Portland	
Edward James	4 c	O'Brien	Amer.	bqe.	529 Jan.	9 Rosario & Co.	Portland	
Formosa	4 c	Quiggle	Brit.	bqe.	881 Feb.	17 Siemssen & Co.	Portland	
Forward	8 c	Vandervord	Brit.	bqe.	750 Feb.	1 Rosario & Co.	Portland	
Garibaldi	4 c	Freris	Amer.	bqe.	670 Feb.	22 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Portland	
Hongkong	3 h	Com	Ger.	bqe.	220 Feb.	16 Russell & Co.	Portland	
Jacobine	8 c	Oblmann	Ger.	bqe.	417 Feb.	20 Siemssen & Co.	Portland	
Korsoe	3 c	C. ove	Dan.	bqe.	317 Feb.	12 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland	
Loiteler	7 h	Vincent	Amer.	soh.	45 Aug.	13 Insurance Co.	Portland	
Lydia	2 c	Young	Brit.	bqe.	396 Feb.	11 Butterfield & Swire	Portland	
McNear	8 c	Taylor	Amer.	soh.	1800 Jan.	8 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland	
Nobamiah Gibson	8 c	Bradford	Amer.	bqe.	741 Jan.	26 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland	
Pallina	2 c	Lidders	Ger.	bqe.	492 Feb.	9 Wm. Pustau & Co.	Portland	
Rapido	2 h	Hunte	Siam.	bqe.	429 Jan.	9 Chinese	Portland	
Rio Loga	1 c	Matthews	Brit.	bqe.	241 Feb.	8 Wm. Pustau & Co.	Portland	
Moss Bottcher	8 c	Schultz	Ger.	bqe.	598 Feb.	5 Wm. Pustau & Co.	Portland	
Sarah Nicholson	8 c	Selkirk	Brit.	bqe.	933 Feb.	8 Melchers & Co.	Portland	
Siamese Crowe	2 h	Saxton	Siam.	bqe.	510 Feb.	9 Tack Mess & Co.	Portland	
Spirit of the Age	4 c	Johnson	Brit.	bqe.	347 Jan.	10 Rosario & Co.	Portland	
St. Anne	4 c	can	Foh.	bqe.	490 Feb.	16 Carlowita & Co.	Portland	
Star of China	7 h	Baker	Brit.	bd.	784 Jan.	21 Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Portland	
Sunetra	3 c	Clough	Amer.	soh.	1671 Oct.	21 Russell & Co.	Portland	
Tyburnia	7 h	Golder	Brit.	bd.	948 Jan.	81 Meyer & Co.	Portland	
Union	3 c	McRaechevaria	Span.	soh.	182 Feb.	8 Remedios & Co.	Portland	
Western Bells	8 c	Fish	Amer.	bqe.	1183 Feb.	12 Order	Portland	
William Turner	8 c	Vandervord	Brit.	bqe.	681 Feb.	12 Rosario & Co.	Portland	
<b>WHAMPoa</b>								
Irassu	.....	Peart	Brit.	bqe.	327 Feb.	19 Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Cheloo	
Presto	.....	Laidman	Brit.	bqe.	384 Feb.	20 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Signal	.....	Witney	Amer.	bqe.	483 Feb.	10 Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
<b>CANTON</b>								
Amoy	.....	Drewes	Brit.	str.	814 Feb.	16 Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Fau Fah	.....	Patterson	Brit.	str.	870 Feb.	20 C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	

## Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor. age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
<b>Steamers</b>								
Ashuelot	6 h	American	corvette	1100	6	700	Feb. 19	E. O. Matthews
Andacious	6 h	British	iron-clad (flag-ship)	6750	14	800	Feb. 21	Colomb
Ching Ting	6 h	Chinese	revenue cruiser	890	4	600	Dec. 18	A. L. Douglas
Egeria	6 h	British	steam sloop	590	4	600	Feb. 21	Cocker
Fei Hoo	6 c	Chinese	revenue cruiser	464	4	120	Feb. 6	Walter Stewart
Growler	8 c	British	gun vessel	464	4	120	Feb. 20	H. N. Hippolyte
Bornet	7 h	British	gun vessel	3400	4	120	Feb. 14	E. White
Himalaya	7 c	British	troopship	2591	4	120	.....	H. Salmond
Meanees	6 k	British	military hospital	435	4	120	Dec. 19	Valois
Midge	6 h	British	gunboat	600	4	120	Feb. 17	Licut.-com. E. A. Bolitho
Nautillus	6 h	German	gun vessel	408	4	120	Jan. 24	H. C. St. John
Swinger	7 h	British	gun vessel	505	4	120	Jan. 15	F. Amaral
Sylvia	7 h	British	surveying vessel	444	2	100	Jan. 8	Commodore Watson
Tejo	6 c	Slip	Portug.	3027	2	250	Feb. 23	H. C. D. Ryder
Victor Emanuel	6 c	British	Commodore's flag-ship	650	2	250	.....	
Vigilant	6 h	British	despatch vessel	.....	.....	.....	.....	

## HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER STEAMERS.

Name.	Tons.	Captain.	Owners.	Name.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Commander.
<b>Merchant Steamers.</b>								
Fano	117	Stopani	H. & W. poa Dock Co.	An-kan	431	7	.....	J. Godall
Fei Wan	.....	.....	H. C. & M. S. boat Co.	Chen-ju	18	1	.....	E. F. Collins
Iohang	700	Martin	Butterfield and Swire	Ching-po	180	.....	.....	Wan Lum Wan
Kim Shan								